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Mike Vasquez
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Dear Mr. Vasquez:

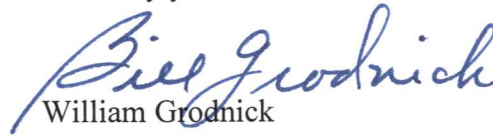
A Committee Member Ana Mederos forwarded your list of questions relating to former Mayor Raul Martinez in relation to her duties as one of the voting members of the Blue Ribbon Selection Committee for the selection of the design/build/operator of the Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant that is being constructed in Hialeah and jointly owned by the City of Hialeah and Miami-Dade County. The Committee Members received instructions to refrain from communications with third parties, other than staff and consultants that were hired by the City to assist the Committee in its fact-finding and deliberative process.

The Committee Members were selected from the private sector to participate in an impartial basis, not to be subject to questions that imply, without any cause or justification, that the process is biased or tainted. Your direct questioning of Committee Members in order to create a story is precisely the unfair scrutiny that makes it so difficult to find qualified professional people to give their time and energy, without compensation, to provide guidance to government. You can contact with the City's website and receive information, including minutes of the meetings, to be informed as to the progress of the Selection Committee. Information regarding former Mayor Raul Martinez can be directed to Mr. Martinez.

Let me assure you that everyone who is involved in this selection process, including myself, have one goal in mind and in practice: to make certain that the most qualified and responsive proposer is selected to be the design/build/operator of a very important project for the

citizens of Hialeah and Miami-Dade County.

Sincerely yours,


William Grodnick